

United States lottery

UNITED STATES LOTTERY.

THE SCHEME IS, That this **LOTTERY** consist of **FOUR CLASSES**, of *One Hundred Thousand Tickets* each.

[table] **THIS** Lottery is set on Foot, by a Resolution of Congress for the purpose of raising a Sum of Money, on Loan, bearing an Annual Interest of Four per Cent. which, with the Sum arising from the Deduction, is to be applied for carrying on the present most just and necessary War, in Defence of the Lives, Liberties and Property, of the Inhabitants of these United States.

THE fortunate Adventurers in the First Class, and so in the Second and Third, who draw more than *Thirty or Forty Dollars*, shall, at their Option, receive a Treasury Bank Note, for the Prize or Prizes drawn, payable at the End of five Years, and an annual Interest at the Rate of Four per Cent. or the preemption of such Tickets in the next succeeding Class, as shall not be renewed within the Time hereafter limited.

EVERY Adventurer in the First Class, shall have a Right to go through the subsequent Classes, but shall not be obliged to do it.

THE Drawers of Twenty, Thirty, and Forty Dollars, in the First, Second, and Third Classes, who do not apply for their Money within Six Weeks, after the Drawing is finished, shall be deemed Adventurers in the next succeeding Class, and have their Tickets renewed, without any further trouble.

IF any other shall neglect or decline taking out and paying the price of their Tickets for a subsequent Class, within Six Weeks after the Drawing is ended, their Tickets shall be

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sold to the fortunate Adventurers in the preceeding Class, or to such as shall apply for the same.

THE fortunate Adventurers in the last Class, who draw fifty Dollars, shall, upon Application to the Commissioners of the Loan-Offices, in the respective States, where the Drawers reside, receive their Money without any Deduction; and all who draw above Fifty Dollars, shall receive in like Manner, without Deduction, for the Sums drawn. Bank Treasury-Notes, payable at the End of five Years after the Drawing, at the Loan-Office of the State in which the Drawers reside, the Interest to commence from the last Day of Drawing, and to be paid annually at the said respective Loan-Offices.

As this Lottery is established for the sole purpose of raising a Sum of Money, for carrying on the present just War, undertaken in defence of the rights and Liberties of *America*, in which every Individual, and their Posterity will be so deeply interested, it is not doubted, but every real Friend to his Country, will most cheerfully become an Adventurer, and that the Sale of the Tickets will be very rapid, especially as even the unsuccessful Adventurer will have the pleasing Reflection of having contributed in a degree to the Great and Glorious American *Cause*.

THE Managers appointed by CONGRESS are, *Sharp Delany, John Ord, James Budden, George Campbell, Joseph Bullock, John Mease, and Thomas Lawrence*, who are upon Oath and give Bond for the faithful discharge of their Trust.

THE Managers are instructed to sell the Tickets for ready Money only.

In CONGRESS, APRIL 12TH, 1779.

Resolved, THAT the Loan-Office Certificates which may issue for Prizes in the Third Class of the Lottery of the United States, shall bear an interest of six *per cent. per annum*; any resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Extract from the Minutes, CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

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